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**For the Republican Nomination
for President of the United
States Next Year.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—"I earnestly favor the nomination of Charles E. Hughes as the candidate of the Republican party next year."

These were the words uttered by Governor H. D. Hatfield just previous to his departure from this city for Charleston, W. Va. Governor Hatfield had been here for a week awaiting the completion of the final arguments in the Virginia debt case in the United States supreme court.

He was here this time to express his presidential preference publicly. That he had done so privately to close friends was known and that his preference was Justice Hughes was bruited about in the inner circles. But he hesitated a long while before he would sanction this announcement of his personal choice. He was in doubt as to the propriety of it and questioned whether or not he was to be criticised, under the circumstances of the pending suit in the court of which Justice Hughes is a member and to which suit, by reason of his position as governor, he has an official relation. In the end, after much argument pro and con, Governor Hatfield agreed to sanction it.

It was greatly in the years that he was governor that he was criticised and he has continued since, until, for my own part, I feel that here is a man who should be summoned to assume the

highest official duties that this great government of ours imposes," said the publication in the **Available Man**.

"I have been an admirer of Charles E. Hughes from the time he won national reputation as an investigator of the insurance business, and that admiration of him upon my part was not without foundation. There are many men in my state who think as I do most available man in this hour for the Republican party to call to the colors as its national leader, and as the one personality which fits into the presidential responsibilities of this critical period without a fault anywhere.

"From the standpoint of the Republican party an unusual situation confronts it. It has a fine opportunity—brilliant prospects—but it is one that must be handled with extreme care. There are conflicting schools of thought within the party and factions of which, while seemingly desirous of preserving the Democratic hope of winning the Presidency, are not prepared to surrender everything. It is a condition which calls for the greatest care, calmness and patriotic unselfishness in the selection of the candidate for president and the compilation of the platform upon which he should stand. To meet this condition there are many faces there are certain substantial requirements which, while some of the men mentioned as candidates, fulfill in one measure or an-

other, few if any of them, in my judgment, measure up to as squarely as the so-called great number as Justice Hughes. In his personality all the essentials, it seems to me, blend ideally. His great ability, his wide experience and his proved justice of temperament stand out graphically. We think of him and favorably in the same breath. In a strictly partisan sense he is the symbol of strength and unity, and that means but one thing to the Republican party next year, should its candidate be such, that the next president of the United States will be a Republican.

The difficulties which Justice Edgebrook, who is the Republican edge candidate for president, are no difficulties at all should the party desire to bestow the nomination upon him. His peculiar position has its embarrassments, no doubt, in connection with this widespread use of his name. But if the party wants to elect him, it can do so. On the man himself could prevent it being done. It has been said, and I have never heard to the contrary, that no man ever declined the nomination for president when it was offered him. It is too big a thing for that. Furthermore, the Republican party is too great an organization to be denied by any one thing when it demands his services. It is a party and not an individual affair, and any man in whose hands it places its commission of presidential leadership is going to accept it unless there is going to be an entire reversal of our political philosophy.

Justice Edgebrook would make a great candidate and a great president. There is a strong and growing opinion to that effect throughout the country, and, therefore, it is not surprising to find a healthy proportion of it im-

bedded in the minds of many people in my own state of West Virginia."

Will Win State Contention.

As to politics in West Virginia, Governor Hatfield begged to be excused. On the controversy over the reorganization of the state, he was more of a communicative. He discussed that subject in detail and with a calmness that was impressive. He did not display any feeling in the matter, much to the surprise of some of his hearers who know him as a man of high temperament upon occasion. "We will win our contention," he said. "I am certain of it. I do that I am talking to you. We will win it because it is right, and right should prevail. And it will prevail when public sentiment concentrates upon it to that end."

At another time he said: "They (his opponents) say that an against corporations law is nothing fur from the truth. All the investments I have are in corporations. But corporations have obligations resting upon them the same as individuals. They should be willing to discharge them in a manner just to all and to the clearing house of all, which is government."

Never Retires under Fire.

With a recklessness, since results were not fatal the interviewer prefers to translate as heroism, he suddenly switched the taxation subject to the nomination of a candidate for the United States senate and for the United States senatorship." It is not a historical record that any interviewer had plumped that question at Henry Drury Hatfield. This particular fellow looked rather surprised that he heard himself asking it.

The governor was surprised too. He straightened up in his chair, with

a jerk. The interviewer sensed a rebuke for impertinence, or sensed something which had not anything to do with a feeling that he was about to get money from home without sending for it. But that feeling flashed away and some other feeling took its place. The gubernatorial countenance brightened up with a smile and one reckless reporter breathed a relief. There was a pause, and then:

"In the first place I have" never been a candidate for any office," said the governor enthusiastically. "I often think that I would be better off and much happier if I was back practicing my profession." Another pause. "I have never retired from my position under fire."

And that was the answer to the question of answer to it may be called a question, but was the last word in the interview.

TRIEST IS VERY
GREAT SEAPORT

Italy's Price for Continued Neutrality Described by Geographic Society.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—Writing of Trieste, said to be Italy's price demanded from Austria for her continued neutrality, the National Geographic Society, in its daily statement on the geography of the European war, says:

“Trieste is the only great seaport

an war, says: "It is the only great port of Austria—a powerful commercial rival of Venice and Genoa, the pride of Austria's Adriatic possessions, and a city as important to Austrian development as is New York in the development of the United States. It has been an Austrian possession of more than 600 years, and during this long association it has earned the title from the central Imperial government of 'the most faithful city.'"

"Situated at the northeast angle of the Adriatic sea on the eastern shore of the peninsula of the Gulf of Trieste, the port has been growing steadily in importance as an outlet for the overseas trade of Central and Southeastern Europe. As a trade center, it has long eclipsed its ancient rival, Venice, and it now practically monopolizes the business of the Adriatic coast. Despite its lack of natural harbor, the geographical location of the city is so favorable and its enterprise has been so fruitful, that it has developed into one of the

first port of importation, a tremendously successful business town, and, therefore, largely a modern one. Its harbor facilities are the best that modern technique can devise, and many millions of dollars have been expended in carrying out its undertaking to that conclusion. In 1910, nearly 17,000 vessels, representing a total of about 4,200,000 tonnage, entered and cleared at the Trieste harbor. The ships brought with them about \$177,000,000, while they carried exports amounting in value to about \$102,000,000. The chief imports are coffee, rice, cotton, oils, and cereals, and the chief exports are fruits. Chief among the exports are sugar, beer, wool, timber and many varieties of manufactured goods. It is worth present consideration in view of the present international crisis into which Trieste enters as an element.

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that the opening of the Tauern railway in 1903 has accomplished much in diversifying the great part of the German Mediterranean trade from Genoa to Trieste.

"Together with a surrounding area of about thirty-six square miles, the city of Trieste is an Austrian crownland. The municipal council of the city constitutes at the same time the Liet of the crownland, which is little more than a mountainous shell around the immensely wealthy, life-crowded port. The population numbers 29,475, of whom about 170,000 are of Italian descent, 43,000 Slovenes and 11,000 Germans. Trieste sends five members to the Reichsrat, and it is the home of the administrative offices for the Austrian Littoral division, composed of the crownlands of Trieste, Goerz, Gradisca and Istria.

by Venice in 1203. Its people struggled with the Venetian conquerors for the next 180 years, and finally, in 1382, they placed themselves under the protection of Leopold III of Austria. Since that time Trieste has remained Austrian, and, during the Hungarian and Italian revolts, Trieste remained faithful, receiving the title from Vienna of "Città Fedelissima."

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